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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of February 5, 2003 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-41 and species A (claims 1-17 and 28-44). This response is made with traverse to the extent additional species may be included as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Please examine the elected claims taking into account the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2001. An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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